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CONTAINMENT

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RESPONSE [A] TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This RESPONSE [A] is in reply to the Office action mailed May 22, 2002. No fee is due for the addition of new claims.

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 51-56, all as shown below.

All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged.

Marked up copies of the amended claims illustrating the changes are shown in the Appendix to this Response.